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## Hammond's College Bound program to expire, extension considered

Rebecca Rossi  
News Editor

### College Bound recipients at PUC

The city of Hammond's College Bound scholarship program's 10-year run is coming to a close at the end of the 2015-2016 school year. The program, which is funded by casino revenue, may be continued for another 10 years. New ways to fund the program are being considered.

According to a letter the city sent to scholarship recipients' parents, a public hearing will be held at Edison Elementary School on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Input from those affected by College Bound is sought regarding the program and its possible extension.

The program, which began in 2006, provides scholarships to students whose parents own a house in Hammond. Depending on the length of time a student has lived in Hammond and other criteria, the student may receive up to 100 percent of their tuition per year, for four years, at an Indiana college. According to the letter, a total of 1,227 students have received the scholarship, with 534 current recipients.

According to Freda Whisenton-Comer, assistant director of student financial services at PUC, from the program's inception in 2006 until now, the number of recipients at PUC has generally increased per year, with an average of 128.5 students per academic year.

In 2006, only 36 recipients attended PUC, while this year, 161 recipients are attending. The year with the most recipients attending was the 2010-2011 school year with 176 students.

Cristina Lopez, sophomore psychology major and Spanish minor, is a recipient of the College Bound scholarship. She plans to attend the hearing because she wants to know how the city plans on extending the program's funding.

"I am so grateful for such a wonderful scholarship, because without it I would probably be taking out loans to pay for my tuition," Lopez said.

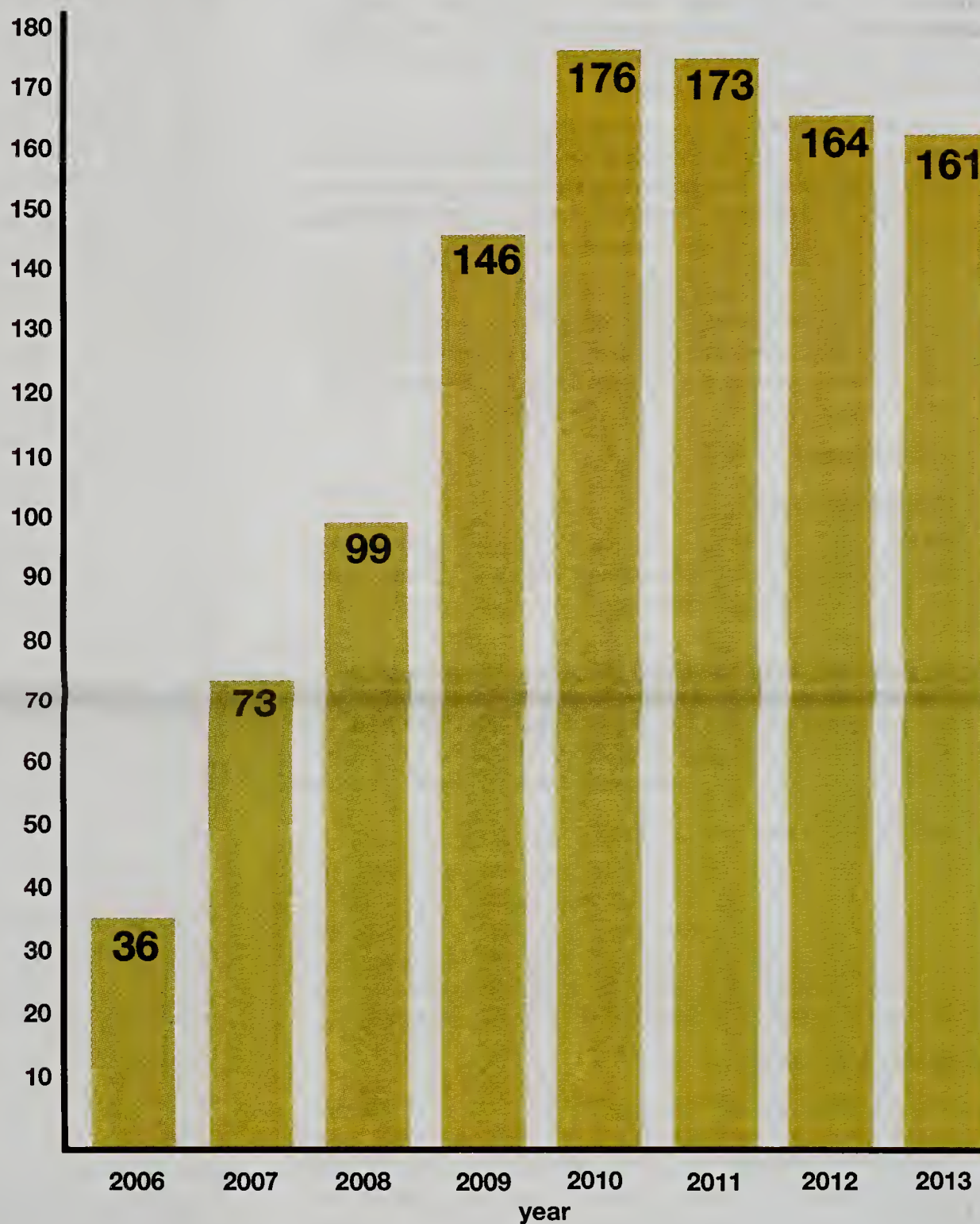
She thinks the contract expiring will affect many of her neighborhood peers because they were intending to pay for college with this scholarship.

According to the letter, extending the program would guarantee students graduating high school in 2022 would be eligible for the scholarship for four years.

The scholarship program has won two awards: one from the U.S. Conference of Mayors and another from the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns.

The College Bound website mentions three goals that the program is aimed towards achieving. The first is increasing home ownership. Second is making education a priority, while third is improving the quality of life in Hammond.

amount of students



## Faculty Senate discusses enrollment, retirement, GPAs

Jessica Gerlich  
Copy Editor

### Vice Chancellor Johnston to retire

Faculty Senate Chair David Pick announced that James "Ken" Johnston, vice chancellor for administrative services, will be leaving PUC in the near future, at the Faculty Senate meeting on Nov. 6.

Pick encouraged members of the senate to attend search committee meetings.

"The objective would be to find somebody who's as open, honest and willing to educate the faculty as is Ken Johnston," Pick said.

Johnston is retiring, according to Chancellor Thomas Keon's informational bulletin dated Nov. 8. The bulletin also states that the position title will be changed to vice chancellor of finance and administration, in order to reflect job responsibilities.

### Enrollment office works on recruitment, data cleanup

Carmen Panlilio, vice chancellor for enrollment management and student affairs, reported steps that have been taken to improve systems and processes already in place at PUC. She said the enrollment team has been trying to eliminate manual, paper processes.

"We are using things we already have and making them purposeful," Panlilio said.

In the past, the prospect of a Purdue degree and undergraduate research were the main emphases when looking for prospective students, but now enrollment management is honing in on the campus life and athletics that PUC has to offer, Panlilio said.

Panlilio said that her team has also redone the online application and many reports, which has been a huge endeavor. The office has been asking questions and examining processes, in order to find out "where bottlenecks are and where possible quicksand is located."

Advisers and recruiters cannot always answer technical questions about certain programs, said Panlilio. She invited senate members to participate in recruitment events.

"Be the friendly face of the program," Panlilio said.

Panlilio also said the PUC website will be revamped in order to attract more students to the university.

### Purdue Senate reviews academic dismissal policy

Pick gave a report from the Oct. 21 Purdue West Lafayette Senate meeting. He said policies

about minimum individual student GPA for the Purdue system, which includes PUC, were reviewed. Representatives from PUC noticed potential problems for regional campuses with the document presented.

The discussion was tabled at the PUWL meeting and recommendations will be made on changes to the proposed policy. For more information, see [webapp.purduecal.edu/facultysenate/files/2013/11/2-EPC-Academic-Standing-revision.doc](http://webapp.purduecal.edu/facultysenate/files/2013/11/2-EPC-Academic-Standing-revision.doc).

### PUC talks e-portfolios for students

Peggy Gerard, interim dean of students, explained e-portfolios and said the university is in the early stages of looking at an e-portfolio company.

"(E-portfolios are) a media rich way for students to tell their story to a prospective employer," Gerard said. She also said if the university does take on an e-portfolio system, it could be a way to advertise university departments through student work.

Feng-Song Wang, associate professor of cell biology, showed concerns with the possibility of a student showcasing inaccurate information. He also pointed out that the university already offers a co-curricular transcript that has systems in place for verification.



## ADMINISTRATIVE

## update

## Need Help?

### The campus Counseling Center is here for you!

The Counseling Center offers **FREE** and **CONFIDENTIAL** personal and career counseling to all enrolled students. With four full-time licensed staff members and three doctoral graduate externs under their supervision, the Counseling Center staff has a plethora of experience in working with students who have a variety of concerns.

Additionally, if a student needs psychotropic medications, there is a consulting psychologist on staff who is able to recommend medications in coordination with the Student Health Services Center and/or a student's general practitioner. It should be noted that the student must be actively engaged in counseling in order to receive psychotropic medication recommendations.

The counselors at the Counseling Center also are career counselors. Students who are questioning their major or are experiencing career-related difficulties can receive career decision-making assistance from our Counseling Center staff. These services include: counseling/development/management, assessment, and résumé and cover letter review and critique.

#### NEW SERVICES

##### Mindfulness Group

The Counseling Center (in collaboration with the Student Health Services Center and Fitness, Wellness & Recreational Sports) is introducing a group focusing on mindfulness/meditation that is open to undergraduate and graduate students.

This group will meet for eight weeks, addressing techniques to quiet a student's active mind. Additionally, this group will focus on putting past and future events into more objective perspectives. The group will provide a combination of psycho-education about the techniques and benefits of mindfulness, as well as support mindfulness/meditation practice for students.

##### HeartMath EmWave2 Biofeedback Program

The Counseling Center recently purchased this program to assist students in learning how to manage their anxiety levels. Biofeedback is a tool that is used to orchestrate one's heart rate, thoughts and breathing into one syncable method. Students interested in learning more about how the HeartMath EmWave2 biofeedback program can benefit them are invited to contact or visit the Counseling Center (PH: 219/989-2366, Gyte 5).

##### Academic Screeners

Academic consultation and screening are offered for all Purdue Calumet students who are experiencing difficulty with their course work and/or suspect they may have an undiagnosed disability, such as ADHD or learning-related.

To schedule a one-hour academic screening to assess symptoms and history, contact the Counseling Center. After the screening is conducted, the clinician will discuss recommendations and determine if the described symptoms warrant further assessment or treatment.

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## Upcoming Campus Events

### Student art show

**Location:** University Library, Student Union and Library building

**Posted by** Student Activities

•Nov. 11 to Nov. 26

Paintings, photography, mixed media and sketches by PUC students will be featured in this exhibit. On Nov. 26, participating student artists will be recognized and Best in Show will be awarded.

### Twenty-first Century Scholars food drive

**Locations:** Classroom Office building, Student Union and Library Building

**Posted by** Courtney Liddell

•Nov. 11

"Get in the mood to donate some food," Courtney Liddell said.

Contact Courtney Liddell for more information at 989-2727.

### Concur traveler training

**Location:** Anderson 155

**Posted by** Michelle Gilhooly

•Nov. 11, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

All faculty and staff traveling on university business must attend a training session. Information will cover the Concur Travel and Expense system.

For more information, call Michelle Gilhooly in the Travel Center at 989-2148.

### Movie Monday: "Guilt Trip"

**Location:** TV Room, Student Union and Library building

**Posted by:** Student Activities

•Nov. 11, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Kaltura workshop

**Location:** Powers 143

**Posted by** Ningchun Han

•Nov. 11, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Kaltura is a web-based application that allows users to host and share video and audio files through Blackboard.

In this workshop, users will learn how to share a video with students and how students can submit their video assignment in Blackboard by using Kaltura.

### Veteran Career Resources

**Location:** Student Union and Library Concourse

**Posted by** Amber Garrett

•Nov. 11, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

In honor of Veteran's Day, Career Services will host a table with career resources for Veterans. For more information about Career Services events, call 989-2600 or email [careerservices@purduecal.edu](mailto:careerservices@purduecal.edu).

### Delaney Toy Drive

**Posted by:** Rachel Lewandowski

•Nov. 11, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

At the door bring a toy and receive a slice of pizza, cookie and soda.

PUC is collecting toys for the Delaney Projects Gifts of Hope. This organization helps kids at the Delaney Projects have something to open on Christmas morning. Items can be new or gently used toys, clothing or books for all ages.

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## Gaining an international perspective



**Richard Chambers**  
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Perhaps the most unique experience in higher education is studying abroad. People could not easily on their own arrange a trip to interact in a foreign culture. I chose to join PUC's program to Caceres, Spain this past summer to be surrounded by Spanish conversation and experience ways of life outside the U.S. I succeeded in both objectives but learned I should have had more realistic expectations. From visiting the country and my introduction to Spanish culture, I know I received my money's worth. Students should consider whether the perspective from studying abroad will benefit them. Nevertheless, they should realize full immersion in the culture might be a farther reach. April Valentine, an assistant director in the IPO, said finances are available, especially if the student plans early. She recommends looking for funds during the freshman year. The success was beginning to experience the conversational and cultural environment, even if this beginning was not a full immersion. As a non-fluent Spanish-speaker, while I sometimes felt able to join conversations and native activities, I usually just listened and observed. I learned that four weeks is too short for my learning style to pick up much more. Perhaps I have not yet realized how valuable observing up close really was, but I find it hard to be comfortable with such a small improvement in my Spanish. On the other hand, Chad Wright, a senior in French and Spanish, went to Caceres this summer and said his listening and communication improved at a pace that was only made possible by the all-day use of the language. Wright recommended the program organize more interaction between PUC students and students of the University of Extremadura in Caceres. I agree, because we had hardly enough time and experience to arrange intercultural activities on our own. The greatest value of my Caceres trip was experiencing how close the Spanish keep their antiquity. Not only is the history itself exciting, but it gives an understanding of another culture's approach to its own history.

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## There is no free lunch

One of the first theories learned in an introductory economics class is that of "no free lunch." The theory suggests that nothing is really free, due to the fact that someone, somewhere, is paying time or money for that "freedom." That's the thing about the idea of "free healthcare." It's not without cost, and that has become quite clear here on campus. The dawn of the Affordable Care Act on Oct. 1 brought darkness for many student workers. Many student workers have more than one on-campus job. Workers who clocked 30 hours or more on campus had to instead minimize their amount of hours to 29 or quit one or more of their jobs (see "Affordable Care Act creates cuts," Page 4). What students may not realize is that this was not PUC's fault. PUC cannot be expected to pay for health insurance for every single student employed, when they already have to pay for faculty, instructors, administrative staff and other campus workers. Perhaps, down the line, this pipe dream can become a reality, but an entire university cannot be expected to fit such a huge expense into their budget. The university is a business. It runs on money, just like the rest of the world. Health care reform has led to immediate consequences here on campus. Many student workers have a strong dependence on their paychecks from their campus jobs. Now, student workers may lose much-needed financial support. This can lead to students quitting their campus job altogether. This snowballs even more. For example, when one student has to quit a tutoring job, perhaps it doesn't affect the general student population, but if many students have to quit tutoring jobs, who will fill the important positions of tutors on campus? The entire campus could be affected by the Affordable Care Act in this way. Usually, The Chronicle's editorials reflect problems faced by PUC students or the campus community. Sadly, this is a problem that not only affects PUC, but the entire country. The first step to fixing a problem is admitting that one exists, and the Affordable Care Act presents some of the biggest problems in recent years. Changes need to occur soon, or more than just jobs will be lost.

## The good and bad of Kronos



**Rebecca Rossi**  
News Editor

I am thankful PUC has done away with time cards. We have joined the current millennium by having electronic record keeping for hours worked. ID cards are swiped on conveniently-located Kronos machines scattered throughout campus on walls and pillars. Driving all the way back to campus just because you forgot to sign a time card is aggravating and has happened to me at least twice in the past two years. Trying to recall when you started and for how many hours you worked always seemed a slight hindrance too. At The Chronicle, much of our editing work is done at home. Keeping track of those hours seemed problematic at first. Thankfully, our supervisor puts them in manually if we email her the start and stop times for work done off campus. I do have a few complaints, though. First, verifying hours can only be done from the touchpads at school. It would be more convenient if we could access this portion from home. Only supervisors have access to the system outside of PUC, and if a student doesn't verify at school or works off campus, the supervisor must input that information manually or do other extra things to straighten out the situation. Giving students off-campus access would eliminate this operational bottleneck. The system also does not tell you if you clocked in or out, just that a punch has been made. For the times when you forget whether you clocked in, this can be annoying. Jonathan Wilson, student worker and senior education major, has not experienced problems with the new system, but feels the change was too abrupt. "The training for it and stuff should have happened during the winter break or something, rather than one week where we're doing a time card and next we're swiping," Wilson said. "I think that students have a lot of stuff going on so to ask them to put all that attention and focus on this, in the middle of the semester at that, is kind of hard." Cassie John, consultant in the Gyte computer labs and junior psychology and criminal justice major, has no complaints. "Every other place I've worked has a new up-to-date system like that, so it's really easy just to walk in, clock in and leave it. Approving your time card is really easy," John said. I am pleased with PUC's attempts to update campus technology. I hope faster computers and internet service are next on their list. Readers can contact Rebecca at [chronicle\\_newseditor@yahoo.com](mailto:chronicle_newseditor@yahoo.com) or (219) 989-2547.

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# Affordable Care Act creates cuts

## Student workers speak ill of new 29-hour work week policy

Lindsay Flagg  
Chronicle Correspondent

Recently, PUC implemented a limit of 29 hours per week on the number of hours that student employees on campus are allowed to work.

The reasoning behind the limit seems to be related to the Affordable Care Act, which requires that employers provide health coverage to benefit-eligible employees; which, according to the Purdue University's human resources Web page, is in this case any employee working 30 hours or more on campus.

One student who was personally affected by the change was junior Tiffany Barker, a double major in communication and French and a resident assistant at the University Village. Barker had to quit one of her on-campus jobs as a result of the limit.

"I used to be a tutor for [Student Academic Support], but when the hour limit became in effect I had to quit, which really was difficult for me to do because I loved being a tutor," Barker said.

Barker was also affected financially. She said that the income coming in from her resident assistant position is not enough on its own.

"When I had these concerns, the only solution that people gave me was that I could get a job off-campus, but with the hours I'm working it's not going to come very easily," Barker said.

Other student employees have strong opinions about this new rule. Junior English writing major Catherine Vlahos, a mentor for the English language program and tutor at the Writing Center, thinks the limit is unfair.

"I'm not exactly sure how the law works, but I wish that students had the opportunity to deny the healthcare in exchange for working more than 29 hours. A lot of younger students are still under their parents' coverage, so it seems

"It's sad that student-based services like our writing and tutoring centers had to lose talented workers because of this rule, so my feelings toward it are generally bitter," Vlahos said.

Sophomore elementary education major Catherine Flores, a supplemental instructor for the Student Academic Support office, is irritated by the new rule as well.

"It is completely sad how

things have changed at Purdue Cal. Why is it such a crime for students to work more than 30 hours? If they are able and willing to work for their school, then don't deny their right to work," Flores said.

Flores feels that the college is turning its back on students by implementing this rule.

"It's already bad enough that when you get out of college that there are slim chances of getting a job in your career. If our school is already going to deny us of working, then where else are we to turn?" Flores said.

states, "It is legally permissible to indicate via a job description that hours are not to exceed some amount below 30 hours, but the hours would still need to be tracked."

In other words, the limit on student work hours is perfectly legal within the Purdue University system.

The Purdue Calumet Human Resources Department was not available for comment at this time.



photo: Morgan Walker  
Student worker Daric Duncan checks Peter Jamrozowicz's mother, Ewa Jamrozowicz out of the dorms after coming for a visit.

### Assistant director of human resources dies after 14-year cancer fight

Jacob Yothment  
Office Coordinator

After battling breast cancer for more than 14 years, Mary Beth Rincon, assistant vice chancellor of human resources, died on Oct. 26 at the age of 54.

Rincon is survived by her husband Patrick, daughter Elizabeth and mother Catherine as well as several siblings, nieces and nephews.

Rincon started working in the human resources department at PUC in 1991.

Rincon hired Colleen Robison, associate director of staff and training benefits, in 1994 and served as her boss for years.

"She inspired me most by her perseverance in light of difficulty; I adored her for this," Robison said. "Honestly, if I experienced all

the challenges she was faced with, I would have crumbled. Mary Beth never crumbled."

Robison said longtime Purdue employees remembered Rincon for the Working Together for Excellence Program, which she implemented during her time at PUC. The program is for supervisors and primarily focuses on soft skills, such as interpersonal skills, that supervisors need to effectively lead others, according to Robison.

"It was a very successful program and one that brought people together from all areas of the university on several occasions into a common learning environment," Robison said. "It was more than just a series of educational events. They were networking events, which helped to build lasting relationships that people still talk about today."

### A college stress-management guide from counselor, student

Bianca Alvarez  
Chronicle Correspondent

Stress and procrastination are common obstacles to academic success. Procrastination is often an individual avoiding boring and difficult tasks, said Gina Bartucci, staff therapist and psychological assessment specialist at the PUC Counseling Center.

"Procrastination can often lead to additional stress as items pile on top of each other. An individual can bring awareness to the situation and ask, 'Why don't I want to complete this task?'" Bartucci said. "Then take a few deep, mindful breaths, being aware of the air going in and out of the nose, and try to investigate why the task is being avoided."

If these exercises do not help, Bartucci recommends students consult with a licensed mental health professional.

Senior psychology major Nicholas Cialdella recommended a few ways to cope with stress.

First, Cialdella said to be aware of the difficulties a situation presents.

"Be aware. If the stressor is going to be something that is difficult to deal with, be aware of what makes this so stressful and seek support to help manage it," Cialdella said.

Next, organization is important.

"Get organized. Sometimes sitting down and taking the time just to write down your schedule or to-do list will show you how little there is or allow you to not become too anxious about forgetting something," Cialdella said.

"Be honest. By this I mean that instead of being honest and telling ourselves that we either can't deal with this issue, or that we need to sacrifice something more tempting, we choose to lie to ourselves and say 'I can do this later,' when we really can't."

### Student Health Services Center

Purdue Student Health Services Center is an "ON" campus medical clinic. We offer low cost health care for all STUDENTS. Office visits are \$20.00 (which will be billed to your student account, so no money is needed at the time of your visit), with follow-up visits at no cost. We have a laboratory onsite with many tests offered at a little or no cost to you. We offer assistance in filing for HIPAA/Healthy Indiana Insurance Plan as well as patient assistance for free medications and the Gardasil vaccine if you are income eligible. Flu shots are still available for \$18.00.

In order to serve you better, our new office hours are:

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**CARLISLE**

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Walk-ins will not be accepted the day of the interview. Please select your interview time in advance! Last day to request an interview: 11-14-2013!

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Mon., Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> from 11a-2p on  
the SUL Concourse

Thur. Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> from 4-6p in  
CLO (by lounge)

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## ATTENTION SUMMER 2013 GRADUATES & FALL 2013 CANDIDATES

IF YOU MISSED THE FIRST  
GRADUATION EXPO, YOU DON'T  
WANT TO MISS THE FINAL ONE!!

The Office of the Registrar will  
be hosting the final Graduation  
Expo in preparation for the Fall  
2013 Commencement Ceremony

**Event:** Graduation Expo

**Date:** Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2013

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Location:** Student Union and  
Library Building (SUL) concourse  
(near the Campus Bookstore)

## STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO:

- You must purchase cap and gown in order to pick up your guest tickets. The estimated price of cap and gown is as follows:  
Undergraduates (Bachelors, Associates, and Certificates) .....\$46  
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- Record audio testimonial to be played prior to Commencement
- Please come prepared to sit for your cap and gown portrait by Grad Images (Please note that there is **NO obligation to purchase**)
- Pick up commencement ceremony tickets
- Shop for your diploma frame in the Calumet Campus Shop
- Sign up for a Purdue Alumni Calumet membership

Purdue University Calumet will continue the successful campaign, "Congrats for Grads," where 2013 graduates, families, friends, faculty and staff are provided an opportunity to place a "thank you" message in the December commencement program which will serve as a treasured keepsake. Imagine how excited a graduate will be to read messages from faculty or staff members, family or friends even years from now.

You can complete the process through the following link,  
[webs.purduecal.edu/congratsforgrads](http://webs.purduecal.edu/congratsforgrads),  
or visit the table at the Graduation Expo.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Fall Commencement Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, December 17, 2013, at 2 p.m. at the Hammond Civic Center in Hammond, Ind.

Please contact Graduation Coordinator Kim Frazier if you have any additional questions regarding this matter at 219-989-2334 or contact the Office of the Registrar at 219-989-2210.



# PUC student's band to open for Saving Abel

**Jeff Scott**  
Arts & Leisure Editor

Chasing Skylines, a rock band featuring PUC student Kaitlyn Kontor, is scheduled to open for popular hard rock band Saving Abel at a concert in December.

Sophomore Kontor, psychology major, founded the band in February with several of her friends.

Their song "I Still Think About You" is available as a clip on YouTube. The group plans to record a full-length album soon, with an EP titled "For the Record" scheduled for release in February 2014.

The 20-year-old rhythm guitar player knew the band members separately and asked them if they were interested in forming a group.

She said she was still looking for a lead singer when she found one in an unlikely place. During a car trip with her friend Alexia Gomez, she heard Gomez start to sing.

"It just happened kind of by fate," Kontor said. "I heard her sing in the car. The first time I heard her sing, she gave me goose bumps."

Kontor offered Gomez the job, who accepted, saying that it was something

she always wanted to do. The band also includes drummer Sabrina Cordero, bassist Chris Volek and lead guitarist Austin Franco.

Franco, 18, studies game art design at the Art Institute of Chicago. He has something in common with Kontor:

they both first became interested in playing guitar about five years ago after playing the game "Guitar Hero."

Franco said he took guitar lessons for about a month or two before deciding to learn from videos on YouTube. Kontor confirmed that she also is self-taught in this way.

"You watch

videos of other people playing," Kontor said. "Then you teach yourself tabs. If this guy is playing like this, then you should, too."

In addition to being the band's rhythm guitarist, Kontor is also their main songwriter, manager and booking agent. She admits that sometimes it can be difficult to balance all of these things with her heavy schedule, noting that she also goes to school, has a day job and is in a relationship.

"It is a lot to do," Kontor said. "But nothing is more rewarding

## Upcoming Chasing Skylines concert

**Dec. 28 at 6:30 pm**

**Located at Mojoe's 22 W. Cass St. Joliet, IL**

**Advanced tickets: \$15**

**Regular Tickets : \$18**



Photo taken by Mike Vogel and provided by Kaitlyn Kontor

The members of Chasing Skylines are, from left to right, sophomore psychology major Kaitlyn Kontor, Chris Volek, Sabrina Cordero, Alexia Gomez and Austin Franco.

than being up on the stage and seeing a crowd full of people singing the song that you wrote."

Kontor said that she usually writes songs from personal experience, so that listeners will be able to relate to the music. "I Still Think About You" was hard for her to write. She said it is about a relationship that never occurred because of all the things she never said.

"It was written to somebody that I really cared about," Kontor said. "That song is based on all the things I should have said. Questioning where we would be if I said it."

Kontor and Franco compared being in a band to being in a family.

Franco said the best part of being in a band is performing with fun, creative people. But Kontor said that sometimes being in that family can lead to clashes.

All of the band members are opinionated, headstrong people, she said. So, the band has decided that "majority rules" when it comes to creative decisions, in order to keep everyone happy.

Chasing Skylines landed their gig opening for Saving Abel when another gig fell through. The promoter felt bad about it, so he did some research and found that Saving Abel had an available slot for an opening act during their show, Kontor said.

## 'Flesh of God' leads PUC theater's John Lisbon Wood Festival

**Jeff Scott**  
Arts & Leisure Editor

"Flesh of God," about the controversial 1960s "acid guru" Timothy Leary, will be the first of several plays written by John Lisbon Wood to be presented at PUC in the next few weeks.

Purdue Theatre Company Director Corya Channing said "Flesh of God" is written in verse, similar in format to plays written in ancient Greece. In the play, the ghost of Leary's first wife Marianne, who will be played by psychology major Kimberly Perz, recalls his life story.

The play will be presented Nov. 21-23 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 24 at 3 p.m. in YJean Chambers Hall on the third

floor of the Student Union and Library building. General admission tickets are \$10; admission for PUC students is \$5.

Leary attended the U.S. Military Academy, but he was kicked out of the school due to disruptive behavior. He later received a doctorate in clinical psychology from University of California, Berkeley, eventually joining the faculty at Harvard. During this time he met Aldous Huxley, who was conducting experiments with LSD in England. Leary thought LSD could be used to cure depression, but his own use of the drug began to lead him down a questionable path, including alcoholism, womanizing and drug use, according to Channing.

Junior Ryan Beach, broadcasting major, will play a few small roles,

including a German scientist, an Irish teacher and several historical figures. He noted that the play takes no particular moral stance on Leary's life story.

"At the end of the show, it is up to the audience's interpretation to decide if he was a good man who stood up for what he believed in," Beach said. "Or, was he evil, possibly standing up for evil morals and being a bad influence on a generation?"

Playwright Wood is a film and television actor who has taken on writing as well. His body of work as a writer includes musicals, dramas, comedies and dramatizations of historical events.

Channing said this festival allows a chance for her acting students to take on some different, challenging plays. Wood allows the company

to perform the plays without paying royalties, which makes it easier on the company's budget.

In addition to "Flesh of God," Channing's Special Topics in Theatre class will present Wood's "Scopa for a Penny." Students in the class will produce, direct and appear in the play. The students will also design the sets and costumes.

Two versions of "Scopa for a Penny," each with a different cast, will be presented December 4 and 5 at 7 p.m. Admission is free. One version will be directed by Perz, and the other will be directed by broadcasting major Thomas Knoerzer.

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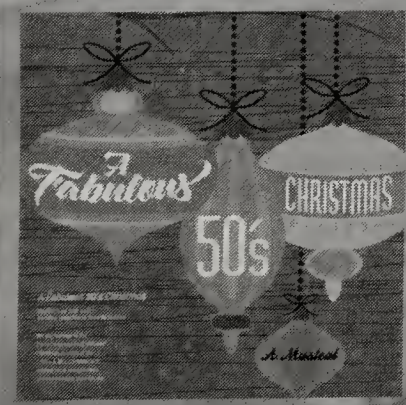
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# Five teams finish seasons

**Richard Chambers**  
Sports Editor

## Volleyball

PUC's volleyball finished the 2013 season in 13th place of the 13 volleyball teams in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference.

PUC's final game on Nov. 7 brought the team to an 11-game loss streak.

PUC had a win-loss ratio of .192 from 26 matches. The five victories, three of which were in the first three games of the season, were against Rochester College, Moody Bible Institute, Robert Morris University and twice against Indiana University Northwest.

Natalie Shadowen, head coach from PUC, said that, despite the shortcomings, the team is showing greater competitiveness, noting that PUC loses less often by shutouts. She said opposing coaches have complimented the team's progress.

PUC lost in shutouts in 11 of its 21 losses this season. The team lost all sets in 20 of its 23 losses in 2012.

PUC lost 3-1 in its final home game on Oct. 31. PUC won the first set 25-23, but Olivet Nazarene University won the next sets 25-11, 25-12 and 25-17.

Jordin Ashburn, a hospitality and tourism management senior, and Jesse Miller, a biotechnology senior, received recognition before their final home game.

## Women's soccer

PUC's women's soccer finished the 2013 season tied for ninth place with St. Xavier University among the 12 women's soccer teams in the CCAC. PUC's win-loss ratio was lower than St. Xavier's due to losses outside CCAC games.

PUC had a win-loss ratio of .194 from 18 games. PUC scored other victories against St. Xavier University and Roosevelt University.

PUC lost 8-1 against Judson University in its final game on Nov. 6 right after grabbing its third victory of the season by winning 1-0 against Holy Cross College on Nov. 2.

PUC lost its final home game 4-1 against the

University of St. Francis (Ill.) on Oct. 29. St. Francis scored twice in the first half, and its team was kicking again at the goal when the half ended.

Forward Maxine Rossler, a senior majoring in elementary education, was recognized during halftime for having scored the most points in the team's two years.

St. Francis scored twice more within the first 11 minutes of the second half. PUC kept its opponent from scoring a fifth time, despite several close kicks. With less than 19 seconds on the clock, Rachel Shmagranoff kicked in a point for PUC.

## Men's soccer

PUC's men's soccer finished the 2013 season in ninth place of the 12 men's soccer teams in the CCAC. PUC placed below Robert Morris University and St. Xavier University, despite

PUC's having a higher win-loss ratio from outside games.

PUC had a win-loss ratio of .500 from 18 games.

What was supposed to be PUC's final game was canceled on Oct. 30 because of severe weather at Munster High School. The game against

St. Francis had been tied 1-1. It was replayed Nov. 4, when PUC won 4-2.

PUC recognized its seniors: goalkeeper Tom Spillman, majoring in accounting, and midfielder Ahmed Alajmi, majoring in electrical engineering.

Head Coach James Drzewiecki said he is proud of how the team performed despite nearly one-third of the players missing games due to injuries.

## Men's and women's cross-country

PUC's men's cross-country team finished 10th of 11 teams by scoring 253 at the CCAC

Championships on Nov. 9 in Valparaiso. The women's cross-country team finished eighth of 11 by scoring 243.

Matt Bliss, head coach of both teams, said he was surprised to see personal records from three of the day's six runners from the women's team. Bliss expected the course to be too challenging because of its soft and hilly terrain.

Demi Garibay, placing fifth for PUC, improved her record by about a minute. Alex Stahura, placing third, improved hers by about 25 seconds.

Phil Espinosa placed first for PUC and 37th overall for the men. Courtney Wagner placed first for PUC and 35th overall on the women's side.

"I think, being her last race as a senior, she wanted to do the best she could," Bliss said.

Bliss encouraged Espinosa to place ahead of a runner from Calumet College of St. Joseph whose time had before been close to Espinosa's.

In the end, Espinosa finished behind him by only 10 seconds.

## PUC game records

Volleyball 5 - 21  
Women's Soccer 3 - 14 - 1  
Men's Soccer 8 - 8 - 2

# Player answers challenging sport with work ethic

**Xochitl Pulido**  
Staff Writer

Roddy Richardson has been a basketball player for most of his life. His basketball journey started when he was 6 years old. He was at Lafayette Recreational Center playing Game 21, in which each player tries to score 21 points the fastest. After that game, his love of the sport transitioned to him playing in college.

Richardson was out more than a month because he fell on a teammate's foot and fractured his ankle. He worked hard to do his best as if nothing happened and came back even stronger.

The basketball coaching staff praised Richardson's work ethic.

"Roddy has the best character on the team, (is the) hardest worker on the court (and) also has the highest IQ for the game. And he is unselfish," Assistant Coach Leroy Cooper said.

"Roddy is a great guy, very hardworking and never gives up," Assistant Coach Trent Tucker said.

Richardson said the hardest things about being a small forward or shooting guard are trying to stay healthy and having a good focus on the court.

"Without those two things, everything would be a mess and fall apart," Richardson said.

Richardson looks forward to seeing how the team can be and how far it can go in this season. He said this season will be different because of the chemistry from last year, the amount of talent and because the team

is playing better, getting along and not being selfish.

Richardson looks up to Peyton Manning and Kobe Bryant because of their work ethic, competitiveness, motivation to win and accomplishments in sports.

Richardson has won four awards. While at Calumet College of St. Joseph, he won Freshman of the Year in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletics Conference in 2010-2011 and won Player of the Week for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division II in the 2011-2012 season. He won two Honorable Mentions, All-America for Calumet College of St. Joseph in 2011-2012 and All-CCAC for PUC in 2012-2013.

Richardson balances school, sports and his personal life by sorting out what is important. School and sports come before everything else.

Richardson desires to receive a degree in public relations. He would like to work for a hotel, restaurant or professional sports team. He hopes to work far away in a warm city.

Richardson's hobbies are cooking, watching television, watching games, as well as spending time with family, friends and his girlfriend and hanging out with teammates and playing basketball.

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photo: Adam Arnold  
Roddy Richardson, public relations senior, plays guard for men's basketball.

## Women's basketball begins season at 3-1

**David Bork**  
Chronicle Correspondent

PUC's women's basketball team is ranked for the first time in two decades in the Coaches' Preseason Top 25 poll. The poll for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics ranked PUC at No. 21. PUC received 99 votes.

The team finished the 2012-2013 season with a 21-10 ratio and went to the NAIA Division II Tournament.

PUC opened the 2013-2014 season by winning 71-55 against Taylor University in the Tip-Off Classic on Nov. 1. PUC lost 73-65 to Cornerstone University the next day.

PUC added two wins the following week. Its team defeated Clarke University 93-87 on Nov. 8

and defeated Mount Mercy University 80-65 on Nov. 9.

PUC returns three starters from last year: senior Tierra Turner, senior Brooklyn Short and sophomore Patrice McBee.

"We have high expectations for ourselves this year. We have a tough schedule, but we are going to battle for a win each game," Short said before the opening game.

PUC maintained a double-digit lead throughout the opener. The team had a slow start to the game but eventually went on a 25-10 run. PUC entered halftime up 41-25.

PUC played good defense all game, forcing Taylor to have 28 turnovers. At the start of the second half, PUC went on a 20-6 run to move to 69-39 with under nine minutes to go in the game.

PUC had three players scoring in double figures. Madison Gervais, senior, led the Peregrines with 14 points.

"It felt great to beat them since, the last time we played them two years ago, we lost," Gervais said.

Kami Graber, junior, had 13 points. Short had 10 points.

"It felt great to start off the season with a win, especially in front of the home crowd. It was a great team effort that we hope to carry throughout the season," Short said.

The Peregrines shot 38 percent for the game and 45 percent in the first half. Gervais expected a successful season.

"I feel great about this team as we go forward. We have a long season ahead and I think we have been prepared very well," Gervais said.



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